Bethlehem Commandery, No. 43, Knights Templar
Organization 1954-1955

Eminent Commander
Em. Sir GEORGE A. COURTNEY

Generalissimo
Sir L. DANA VIBERT

Captain General
Sir JAMES N. WAGNER

Senior Warden
Sir JOHN E. HUTTUNEN

Junior Warden
Sir WILLIAM E. RANTA

Prelate
Em. Sir ROBERT D. KNOWLES

Associate Prelate
Em. Sir ELMER H. ROBINSON

Prelate Emeritus
Em. Sir BENJAMIN H. COLBY

Treasurer
Sir WILLIAM D. MacDONALD

Recorder
Em. Sir EARLE T. MERCHANT

Captain of the Guard
Em. Sir J. HOWARD AIKENS

Second Division

Sword Bearer
Sir OSCAR J. NELSON

Sword Bearer Emeritus
Sir FRANK H. DAVIS

National Color Bearer
Sir WILLAM W. DUTCHER, JR.

Color Guard
Sir ABRAM L. SHEPPARD

Color Guard
Sir CHARLES G. ANDERSON

Standard Bearer
Sir PAUL HOPKINS

Beauseant Bearer
Sir GEORGE N. MACKEY

State Standard Bearer
Sir THOMAS N. ALLEN

Warder
Sir DOYLE C. ADAMS

Armorer
Sir PARKER W. MORONG

Organist
Sir WESLEY A. ROBINSON

Sentinel
Sir PARKER W. MORONG

Instructors
Em. Sir PRESCOTT W. EATON
Em. Sir ALBERT E. CARPENTER

Masters of Ceremonies
Em. Sir CHARLES L. FLYGARE
Em. Sir WILLIAM P. C. SMITH
Em. Sir CARLTON E. BROWN

Reception Committee — Em. Sir J. HOWARD AIKENS, Chairman
Visiting Committee — Sir L. DANA VIBERT, Chairman
Examining Committee — Em. Sir GEORGE A. COURTNEY, Chairman
Arrangement Committee — Sir WILLIAM D. MacDONALD, Chairman
Representative to Hall Committee — Sir WILLIAM D. MacDONALD, Chairman

Trustees of Permanent Fund
Em. Sir ROBERT D. KNOWLES '55
Em. Sir CARLTON E. BROWN '56
Em. Sir FREDERICK H. TARR, JR. '57

Trustees of Permanent Charity Fund
Em. Sir BENJAMIN H. COLBY '55
Sir CHARLES B. FRIBERG '56
Em. Sir CARLTON E. BROWN '57

PAST COMMANDERS

*Em. Sir EDGAR S. TAFT
1890-91 1891-92
*Em. Sir EDWIN ARCHER BRADLEY
1892-93 1893-94
*Em. Sir DAVID S. PRESSON
1894-95 1895-96
*Em. Sir GEORGE A. DAVIS
1896-97 1897-98
*Em. Sir WILLIAM A. HOMANS
1898-99 1899-1900
*Em. Sir CONRAD R. HANSON
1900-01 1901-02
*Em. Sir FRED A. FISHER
1902-03 1903-04
*Em. Sir WM. EMERSON PARSONS
1904-05 1905-06
*Em. Sir H. BERT KNOWLES
1906-07 1907-08
*Em. Sir AARON COGSWELL
1908-09
*Em. Sir HERMAN W. SPOONER
1909-10 1910-11 1911-12
*Em. Sir M. L. WETHERELL
1912-13
*Em. Sir GEORGE V. FISHER
1913-14
Em. Sir FRANK S. ELLIOTT
1914-15 1915-16
*Em. Sir ELMER W. BABSON
1916-17
*Em. Sir A. SIMPSON LYLE
1917-18
*Em. Sir HARRY G. PEW
1918-19
Em. Sir WILLIAM G. BROWN, Jr.
1919-20
Em. Sir HJALMAR A. BROWN
1920-21
*Em. Sir WALTER P. DAY
1921-22
*Em. Sir WASHINGTON G. TUCKER
1922-23
*‡Em. Sir ROYAL C. WELLS
1923-24
Em. Sir LESTER ROBERTS
1924-25
*Em. Sir JOHN HICKS HODGKINS
1925-26
*Em. Sir ALBERT M. BOTT
1926-27
Em. Sir SHERMAN G. HARRIMAN
1927-28
*Em. Sir JESSE R. KENYON
1928-29
Em Sir ARTHUR W. HERRICK
1929-30
*Em. Sir ERNEST C. STEEVES
1930-31 1931-32
Em. Sir CARLTON E. BROWN
1932-33 1933-34
Em. Sir RUSSELL C. ROBBINS
1934-35 1935-36
Em. Sir WALTER E. OLSON
1936-37
Em. Sir BENJAMIN H. COLBY
1937-38 1938-39
Em. Sir EARLE G. T. MERCHANT
1939-40
Em. Sir LORING A. COOK
1940-41 1941-42
Em. Sir FREDERICK H. TARR, Jr.
1942-43
Em. Sir ROBERT D. KNOWLES
1943-44 1944-45
*Em. Sir HARRY G. RUST
1945-46
Em. Sir D. RALPH LYNCH
1946-47
Em. Sir GEORGE H. MORSE, Jr.
1947-48
Em. Sir WILLIAM P. C. SMITH
1948-49
*Em. Sir GORDON MOORE
1949-50
Em. Sir CHARLES L. FLYGARE
1950-51
Em. Sir J. HOWARD AIKENS
1951-52 1952-53
Em. Sir GEORGE A. COURTNEY
1953-54

* Deceased

‡ District Commander

Stated Conclave, Second Monday of Each Month

Bethlehem Commandery
No. 43
Knights Templar

Gloucester, Mass. August 23, 1955

Sir:

The 647th Stated Conclave of Bethlehem Commandery, No. 43, Knights Templar, will be held in the Masonic Apartments of Acacia Lodge, in East Gloucester Square, Gloucester, Mass., on

Monday Evening, Sept. 12, 1955

at 7:30 P. M. Sharp

For the dispatch of business

By order of

Em. Sir

George A. Courtney

Commander

Residence, 385 Western Ave., Gloucester — Phone, Gloucester 5663
Business Address, 444 Water Street, Fitchburg, Mass.

Attest:

Em. Sir Earle J. T. Merchant

Recorder

Residence, 19 Bass Ave.
Law Office — 201 Main Street — Phone, 1370

. . . ACTION ON DELINQUENTS . . .

At this Conclave, Action will be taken against those Sir Knights who are 2 years or more in arrears in Dues.

In Memoriam

SIR KNIGHT ALFRED MARTIN ANDERSON, JR.

Born: July 3, 1897

Knighted in Bethlehem Commandery: February 9, 1920

Died in Gloucester, Mass.: June 25, 1955

BUSINESS OF THE CONCLAVE — 7:30 P. M.

Reception of Petitions, or any other business that may legally be brought before the Conclave.

. . . REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE . . .

Report of the Auditing Committee will be read.

. . . VOTE ON TRANSFER OF SHARE OF STOCK . . .

At this Conclave a vote will be taken upon this question, namely:

To instruct the Trustees of the Permanent Fund of Bethlehem Commandery to transfer to the name of Bethlehem Commandery on the books of the Gloucester Masonic Building Corporation, the one share of stock of said corporation now held by and in the name of the Trustees of the Permanent Fund of Bethlehem Commandery, No. 43. K. T.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
by
EM. SIR PRESCOTT W. EATON, Past Grand Warder
Assisted by
EM. SIR AUGUSTUS J. BARTON, JR., as his Deputy Grand Warder. Both are Past Commanders of Newburyport No. 3, and Honorary Members of Bethlehem and let's all be on hand to greet them and witness their always excellent work.

EVERYONE POSSESSING RITUALS, PLEASE BRING THEM TO THIS CONCLAVE.

. . . ENTERTAINMENT . . .

After the Conclave, EM. SIR ROBERT D. KNOWLES will show color pictures of the St. John's Sunday Parade.

REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING THE CONCLAVE.

. . . FROM THE COMMANDER . . .

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for the honor and privilege you bestowed upon me by electing me your Commander for the past two years. I also wish to convey my thanks to all those who assisted me during those two years. Without their help, I could not have carried on. The path was rough and rugged some of the time, but we survived.

From all appearances your new line of officers is in for a busy year. To date, I believe they have five candidates to start on, but they will need YOUR support. I have said several times before that we have the uniforms, but need the men to fill them. There is nothing difficult in the work of the Divisions, and I believe that you will get a great deal of satisfaction and enjoyment by participating in the work. I know from my past experience with them that you have a line of officers coming along to be proud of, but they need your support in order to confer the orders in the best manner possible, so let's get behind them and assure them of a very successful year.